

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:

MAPLETON COMMUNICATIONS
UTILITY

providing communications services is conclusive evidence of the fact that the city has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide such service."

Mapleton filed with its application evidence that the voters of the City of Mapleton, on June 23, 1998, approved the establishment of a communications utility. Since Mapleton has the voters' approval, the Board finds that Mapleton has the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide local exchange service and that it is consistent with the public interest.

Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have on file with the Board maps, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that Mapleton has complied with the statute and the Board's rules by concurring in the maps for the Mapleton exchange of Qwest.

Mapleton has not filed proposed tariffs for Board approval setting out the service and rates for providing local exchange service. The Board finds that a certificate should not be issued to Mapleton until it has approved tariffs. Mapleton shall provide notice to all affected carriers at the time it files its proposed tariffs.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by the Board of Trustees of Mapleton Communications Utility on February 14, 2001, is approved, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time Mapleton files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the Board of Trustees of Mapleton Communications Utility to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence in the maps and boundaries of the Mapleton exchange in the tariffs of Qwest Communications Corporation is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Sharon Mayer
Acting Executive Secretary, Asst. to

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 21st day of March, 2001.